

OREGON FIELD CROPS

All hay accounted for 49.4% of the value of production of the major field crops in 2001 compared to the 40.5% of the 2000 value of production. Potatoes carried the second largest value of production with 19.7%, followed by winter wheat with 13.5%. Hops, with 4.1% of the total value of production, and peppermint, with 3.8% of the total value of production, closed out the top five commodities. Prices were up for all hay, potatoes, winter wheat, and hops but down for peppermint.

Yields were down for all major crops except for hops, alfalfa, peppermint and spearmint. Yields were unchanged for Austrian winter peas and dry edible beans. The lower yields were attributed mostly to the drought conditions and lack of irrigation water in 2001. Hops, peppermint and spearmint had record high yields.

All hay production was up slightly from 2000 to 3.0 million tons in 2001, with yields increasing from 2.79 tons in 2000 to 2.98 tons in 2001. Potato production totaled 46,620.7

million hundredweight (cwt.). The averaged yield was cwt. per acre. Winter wheat production totaled 28.0 million bushels, with an average yield of 40 bushels per acre and 700,000 acres harvested. This production was 38% below 2000. Spring wheat acres for harvest totaled 155,000 and production was 4.7 million bushels. Barley production of 4.5 million bushels was down 46% from last year. Production of oats was 1.9 million bushels, a 21% decrease from 2000.

Corn for grain production at 2.5 million bushels was down 48% from the previous year. Corn for silage production was down 12% from 2000. Peppermint production was down 14% but spearmint production was up 15% from 2000. Dry edible beans production was down 18% from the previous year. Hop production was up 10% from 2000. Sugarbeet production was down 30% from the previous year. Production of Austrian winter peas was up 50% while dry edible peas were down 52%.

Value of production, Oregon 2001

